

In the Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A lithium primary battery comprising a
2 positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a non-aqueous
3 electrolyte, wherein manganese dioxide containing 0.1 to
4 3 % by weight of boron is used as said positive
5 ~~electrode and electrode,~~ a lithium alloy containing 0.05 to
6 2 % by weight of aluminum is used as said negative
7 ~~electrode. electrode, and said positive electrode consists~~
8 essentially of said manganese dioxide, said boron, and
9 carbon.

1 2. (Previously presented) The lithium primary battery
2 according to claim 1, wherein said boron is added to
3 manganese dioxide by adding boric acid.

1 3. (Previously presented) The lithium primary battery
2 according to claim 1, wherein the positive electrode is
3 produced by heat treatment of manganese dioxide after
4 addition of boron at a temperature ranging from 350 to
5 430°C.

Claims 4 to 11 (Canceled).

1 12. (Previously presented) The lithium primary battery
2 according to claim 1, wherein said positive electrode does
3 not contain lithium.

Claims 13 to 15 (Canceled).

1 16. (Previously presented) The lithium primary battery
2 according to claim 1, wherein said manganese dioxide does
3 not contain lithium.

1 17. (Currently amended) A lithium primary battery comprising:
2 a positive electrode ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially
3 of manganese dioxide, carbon, and 0.1 to 3 weight percent
4 of boron;

5 a negative electrode comprising a lithium alloy
6 containing lithium and 0.05 to 2 weight percent of
7 aluminum; and

8 a non-aqueous electrolyte.

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